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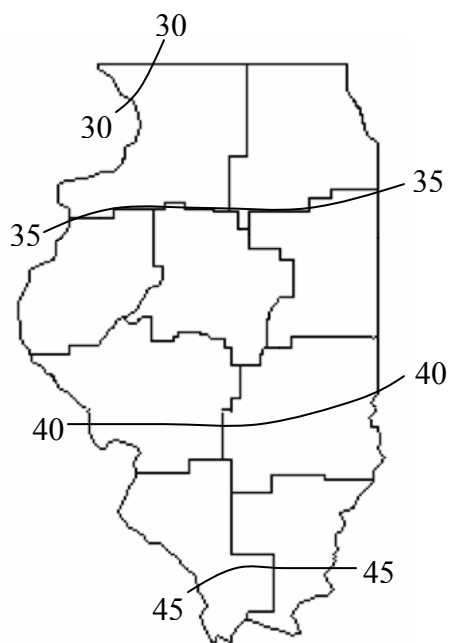
Statewide precipitation averaged 1.1 inch above normal during March and ranged from 1.1 inches below normal in the Northwest to 5.9 inches above normal in the Southeast. Topsoil moisture levels are at 1 percent very short, 1 percent short, 43 percent adequate and 55 percent surplus. Heavy rains have caused streams and rivers to overflow their banks and flood low-lying farmland especially in areas of Southern Illinois. Many areas in the southern part of the state received precipitation totals that were two to three times the normal for the month. Late season snow storms blanketed areas of Northern Illinois around the middle and the end of month. Temperatures averaged 2.9 degrees below normal during March. Winter wheat is generally doing well in most areas of the state as the condition was rated 1 percent very poor, 5 percent poor, 30 percent fair, 57 percent good and 7 percent excellent. Oats planted has reached 4 percent, which is below the five-year average of 16 percent. Wet and cold weather has affected nearly the entire state causing fieldwork delays and stress for cattle in soggy feedlots and pastures. Farmers are hopeful for warmer and drier weather to arrive so spring planting can get under way!

Soil Moisture Table

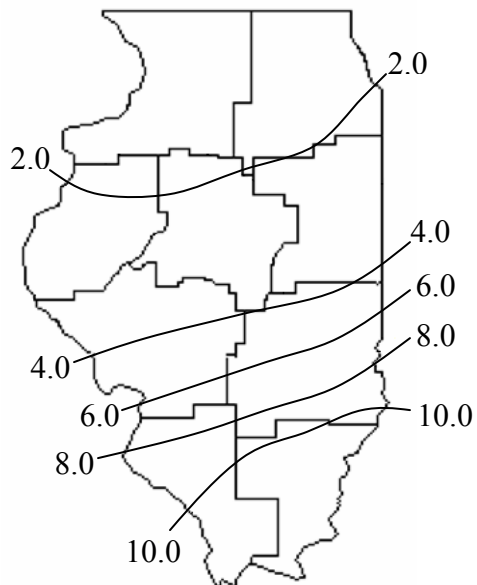
Topsoil Moisture				
District	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
March 30				
Northwest	-	1	59	40
Northeast	-	-	60	40
West	8	7	80	5
Central	-	-	28	72
East	-	-	55	45
W Southwest	-	-	36	64
E Southeast	-	-	17	83
Southwest	-	-	13	87
Southeast	-	-	-	100
State	1	1	43	55

Weather Information Table

Temperature				Precipitation		
District	Average	Normal	Departure	Total	Normal	Departure
March 1 - 30						
Northwest	32.7	36.7	-4.0	1.33	2.45	-1.13
Northeast	33.2	36.9	-3.7	1.48	2.43	-0.95
West	37.7	40.4	-2.7	2.21	2.79	-0.59
Central	36.7	39.8	-3.0	1.98	2.90	-0.91
East	36.7	39.5	-2.8	2.39	2.94	-0.55
W Southwest	39.4	42.4	-3.0	4.00	3.23	0.77
E Southeast	40.4	42.9	-2.5	7.05	3.49	3.56
Southwest	43.5	45.3	-1.8	8.96	3.90	5.05
Southeast	43.8	45.6	-1.8	10.06	4.18	5.88
State	38.0	40.9	-2.9	4.18	3.10	1.08

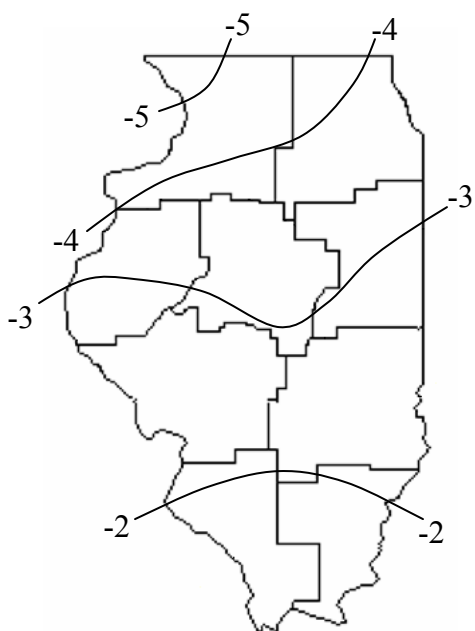


Average Temperature (°F)
March 1 - 30

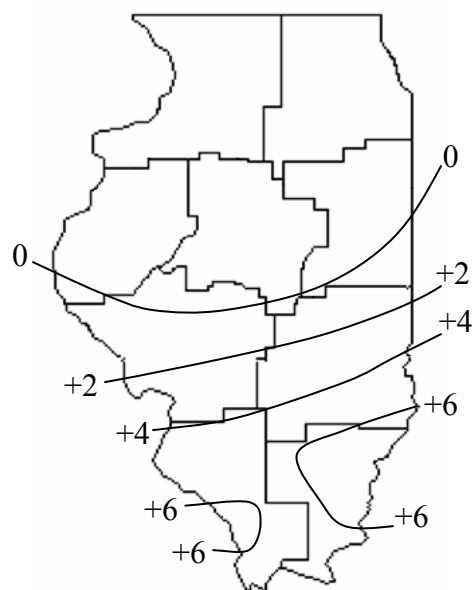


Total Precipitation (in.)
March 1 - 30

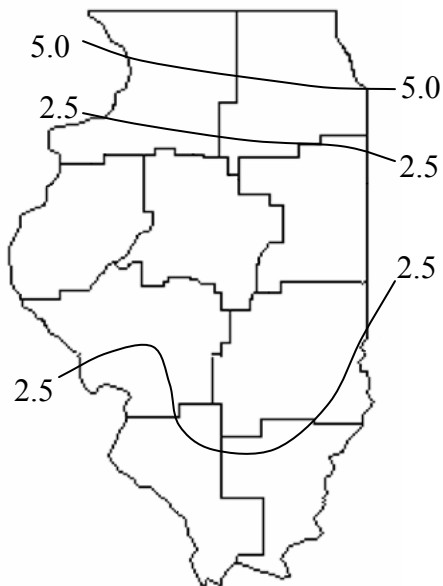
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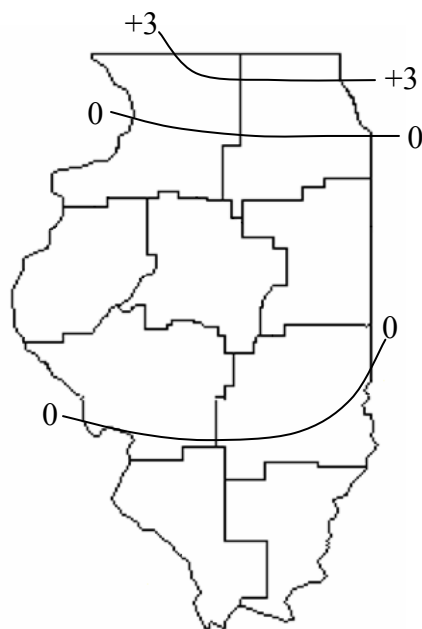
Temperature (°F) Departure
March 1 - 30



Precipitation (in.) Departure
March 1 - 30



Snowfall (in.) Total
March 1 - 30



Snowfall (in.) Departure
March 1 - 30

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